

**AGENCY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

**TITLE:** “Study and Analysis of Fuel Consumption and Emissions Reductions Associated with an Innovative Technology Package for Heavy Duty Diesel Trucks”

**ACTION:** Request for Application (RFA)

**RFA NO:** EPA-OAR-STP-06-07

**CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO:** 66.034

**SUMMARY:** Formal Agency responses to questions/comments regarding the subject solicitation.

**DATE:** April 5, 2006

**Question 1:** Are private entities eligible to apply for the grant?

**Answer 1:** No. Eligible entities include States, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia; international organizations; public and private universities and colleges; hospitals; laboratories; and other public or private nonprofit institutions.

**Question 2:** Do you need a DUNS number to apply under Grants.gov?

**Answer 2:** Yes. An applicant can get a free DUNS number by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711.

**Question 3:** On the Grants.gov’s website regarding RFA EPA-OAR-STP-06-07, where can you find Section 3 mentioned under the "Additional Information on Eligibility" part?

**Answer 3:** The eligibility criteria can be found in Section 3 of the Request for Applications (RFA) document on p.6. You can see the entire RFA at [www.epa.gov/air/grants\\_funding.html#0607](http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0607).

**Question 4:** What is the difference between a truck carrier and a freight shipper?

**Answer 4:** Truck carriers are companies that haul freight (e.g., Schneider, Swift). They generally own or lease their own fleet of trucks to haul freight for shippers. They are also called "for-hire" carriers. Freight shippers are retailers and manufacturers of goods that require shipping services to transport their products to various locations (e.g., Home Depot, Nike).

**Question 5:** What do ‘weights out’ and ‘cubes out’ mean? This is in reference to the third bullet on the bottom of p.3 of the RFA, which states “heavy freight that weights out versus lighter freight that cubes out.”

**Answer 5:** Trucks have capacity limits in terms of weight and volume. For example, heavy freight such as rocks might meet the maximum weight criteria or "weight out" before filling up the trailer or "cubing out." Lighter freight such as pillows might meet the maximum volume criteria before hitting the weight limit.

**Question 6:** Would a Department of Energy National Laboratory be eligible to receive an award under this solicitation?

**Answer 6:** No. NREL is not eligible, but the non-profit organization that runs the NREL could apply in its own capacity as a non-profit.